

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Seven

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.



Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

- **P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C. Amen
- P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,
- C. we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. Righteous God,
- C. we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- **P.** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
- C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

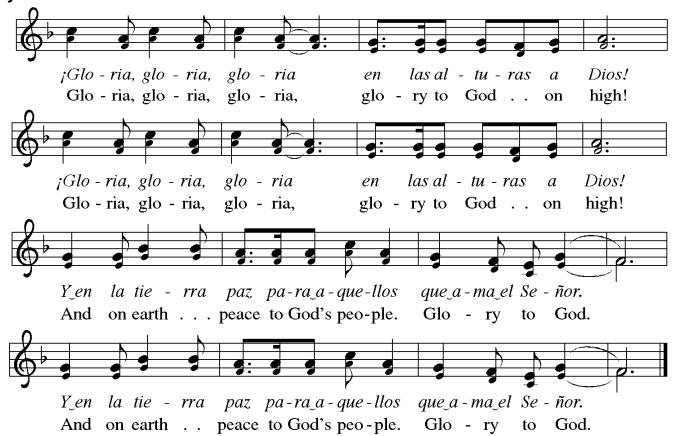
All Are Welcome

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The Greeting

- P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
- C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

- A. Let us pray
- C. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

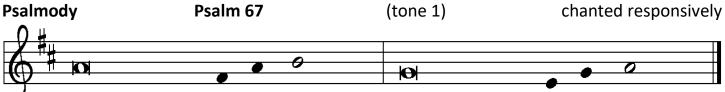
Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; or my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

- L. Word of God, word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.





May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

Let your way be known | upon earth, your saving health a- | mong all nations.

Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R

Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.

May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.



Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

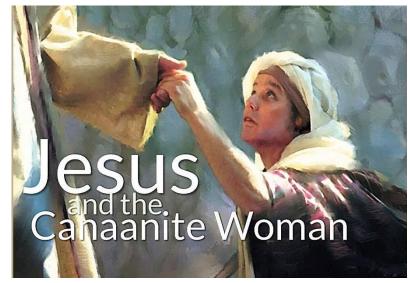
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P. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter fifteen.

Matthew 15:10-28

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.



Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

- C. Glory to you, O Lord.
- **P.** The gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Pastor Timothy J. Brown

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

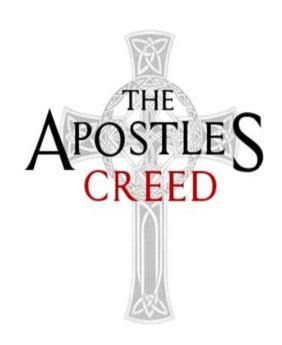
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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen



Prayers of Intercession

A. Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

- C. Your mercy is great.
- **P.** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C. Amen.

The Peace

- **P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.
- C. And also with you.



The Offering

Let the Vineyards . . .



Offertory Prayer

A. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- **P.** Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- **P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- **P.** It is indeed right . . .



The Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P. All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

da - nos

grant us

tu

paz,

your peace,

C. Amen.

O Lamb of God



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Communion Hymns

ELW 496 One Bread, One Body Creating God, Your Fingers Trace **ELW 684**

Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace.

C. Amen



Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace



Post Communion Prayer

- **A.** We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen.

Blessing

- **P.** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Dismissal

- **A.** Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Servers for Sunday, August 20th

| Assisting Minister | Sylvia Lambert |
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| Reader | Alecia Harrison |
| Altar Guild | Helen Holderman |
| Greeters/Counters | . Alecia Harrison/Sylvia Lambert |
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Flowers this week are provided by Harry Albert in celebration of Sheryll's Birthday.

Candles this month are provided by Julia Lochra in celebration of family Birthdays.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

After Worship Fellowship today is provided by Clyde & Rena Bogle





Pray for your Call Committee

Family of Monna Stamm

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – released from rehab, recovering from a stroke Ginny King's sister, Mary Anna Strickler – broken hip; hip replacement Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Gale's friend, Ermin Patterson – massive stroke

Lora Clark's friend, Rebecca Bowman - recovering

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda – cancer

Judy Stewart – multiple health issues

Carolyn Watkins – recovering from minor stroke

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Sheryll's friend Tony – terminal cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's Great-Niece, Hope Emmaline – on-going health issues

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Tim & Rita's sister-in-law, Jane Clark – breast cancer has returned

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Diana Havenstein

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Mary Ann Jackson

Dayshaun

Peg Stamp, myeloma

Sharon Vietri

Jim Powers

Jonathan McCoy